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Drive Starts  
Jan. 18

# THE YPSI SEM

Remember  
Plymouth vs. Ypsi  
Tonight

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Bower

## Semming It All Up

Garfield

George Dawson should give some of his talents to professional hockey. That is the cry echoed by a couple of Ypsi High star athletes who found themselves flat on their backs as a result of Dawson's hard back-checking a couple of weeks ago.

There has been skating on Island Park now for some time and it is really pretty good, so if any of you students have skates and have an evening free, go down and glide around on the ice for a while. You may not feel so good the next morning, but you will have had fun anyway. (We speak from experience!)

If you ever see Jim Burrell jump out of his car in a hurry and run around to the back with a ruler, don't be alarmed, for he is only measuring to see how much gas he has in the tank.

We saw an ex-member of that great Class of 1944 during Christmas vacation in the person of Ozzie Onan, who went back to Lowell High School this year. Ozzie played basketball last year and was an all-around good guy and we miss him.

We forgot to say that the lights are turned on down at the Island so you can see where you are going when you skate at night (hum-m-m-m-m!)

The school spirit around here has been very good up to the present time; let's not have it drop off now as the boys in sports seem to be on their way to a successful season.

## Mr. Randall's Men Give Fine Performance Here In Annual Band Bounce

Last night, January 13, the audience which attended the second annual Band Bounce was entertained by band orchestrations under the direction of Mr. Leland Randall.

The program opened with the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," followed by the "Aurora Overture." Lloyd Kennedy offered a saxophone solo with Mary Lou Metcalf accompanying on the piano.

Highlight of the evening was the playing of Gershwin's immortal song, "Night and Day." A brass quartet composed of Lynn Schafer, Duane Drake, Bob Court, and Don Giese presented two selections.

Baton twirling was also included on the program with Roberta Tibbitts, Betty Henneke, and Warren Bennett giving solo performances. Roberta and Betty then returned with Joan Miller for a trio number. The program was concluded by the playing of our school song, the "Our Director March."

Lighting effects for "Night and Day" were planned by John Davidson, president of the band. All those who attended enjoyed a perfect evening of music.

## American Legion Sponsors Band, Drum Corps Party

Members of the Band and Drum and Bugle Corps were entertained Thursday, January 6, at a dance which was arranged and presented by the American Legion.

Dancing to the lilting music of Ralph Wilson, the members of two musical organizations found new interests in the "Leap Year" style of dancing.

Refreshments, sodas and cookies, which were served during intermission, were followed by a short dancing program which was put on by pupils of Madge Starr and Sue Oakes.

## Seniors Display Of Fads Dazzle All Underclassmen

During the past week, members of the faculty and the student body were worried about their eyes. "Do I need glasses?" and "Are my eyes failing me?" were a couple of the questions which seemed to be bothering these people.

Gradually everyone was assured that it was not their eyes that caused the trouble but the seniors strutting about the halls displaying their new fads.

The fads which arrived last Friday afternoon are gold sweaters with brown and gold emblems placed on the left pockets. From such a small selection of fads to choose this year, due to the fact that there is a war going on, the seniors chose wisely and well.

## Declamation Contest Held In Auditorium; Choose Oratorical Contestants

Phanuel Hamilton and Mary Ragan were declared winners of the declamation contest which was held yesterday in the auditorium. Judges were Miss McCrickett, Miss Parrish, and Mr. Heyman.

At the preliminary contest which was held before vacation the following persons were chosen to represent the ninth and tenth grades: James Bell, Eleanor Brown, Jim Wolter, Mary Ragan, Conrad Greim, and Phanuel Hamilton. The two alternates were Bob Chapelle and Marjorie Bell.

Oration preliminaries held Monday night in room 205, found winners in the oration program which will be held January 20—Bernice Bridle, Ellen Gipson, Marilou Champion, and Vanzetti Hamilton.

Others who entered the preliminaries were Mary Melick, Anna Marie Stein, Nancy Kerbyson, Llenn Smith, Audrey Jacobson, and Dorothy Hickey.

## June Henneke Chosen To Represent Seniors On State Pilgrimage

Leverett, McGinn Follow

Closely In D. A. R. Contest

After careful balloting it was announced today that the winner of the annual D.A.R. contest was June Henneke.

Each year the best girl citizen from the senior class is selected by her classmates and faculty. This year three girls were chosen in the primary voting; they were Rosemary McGinn, June Henneke, and DeLyn Leverett. They were chosen by the seniors for their dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The faculty then made the final selection.

The members of the D.A.R., in the hope of promoting the appreciation of good citizenship among high school students, offers a yearly trip to Washington for one girl from each state. Our representative will first go on the state pilgrimage and is therefore in the running for the national trip.

All expenses will be paid and many educational tours, which interpret our national history and our government, will be featured. We would like to take this time to express our congratulations to June and wish her "good luck" at the state pilgrimmage.

## DON'T CRY TOO HARD

Due to semester examinations and the need for extensive study at this time, the Sem will not be printed that week. It will come out on February 11. So please do not bring your hard-earned savings, gripped in thy tiny little hands, 'cause you won't get your Sem anyway. So there too!



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### Study! Study! Study!

As the New Year begins the students of Ypsi High are confronted with semester examinations. These examinations are not to be taken lightly. An education now happens to be a very important tool in our future success. Let's all surprise our teachers and really show them that we have been studying. Discontinue loafing in study hall and putting off and putting off until too late. Take that Chemistry and all its SO-4's, etc., math with this-times-that-equals-something-else, and the present, past, and future tenses of English home every night and really study. If we all strive to do this when that report card comes out there won't be any disappointed faces around the halls of Ypsi High. And make a 1944 resolution that from now on you keep up on your work daily, so that when the next examination period arrives in June, you will have only to "brush up" on your work.

### ALL TOGETHER OW

Dig down deep, kids, as the Fourth War Bond Drive will begin January 18. The quota for the schools of Ypsilanti is to be \$60,000. We know we can count on Ypsi High School to do its share in this drive. We realize that we all can't afford to buy bonds, but even the War Stamps we buy will bring victory that much nearer. Let's do our share to help win the war in '44.

### Many Service Men Visit City During Christmas Holidays

Third Class Petty Officer Jack Gerhardt was home over the Christmas holidays on a leave given him after completing training at Daytona Beach, Fla.

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After being recently reported missing, Cy Hughes is reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

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Home from the Alaskan waters is Bob L'Amereau on a twenty-five day leave.

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Clare Stichler, Seaman Second Class, was home on a ten-day leave for the Christmas holidays. He is stationed in New York City.

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While en route for the West Coast, Erle Brady visited friends at this school recently. Brady, who enlisted in August, 1943, was stationed at Camp Farragut. He has studied diesel engines.

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Sergeant Theo. Hamilton is home on a five-day leave from Colorado. Hamilton is a member of the ground crew of the Air Corps.

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In the Air Corps Ferry Command is Private Fred Rodenberg. He is stationed at Rosecrans Field, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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Merchant Marine Bob Norton is home on a 30-day leave. Norton has visited British and Dutch Guiana and Trinidad.

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After completing his basic training, Private Harold Leverett, A.S.T.P., was home for seven days. His brother, Lieutenant Charles Leverett of the Medical Administrative Corps, Camp Barkely, Texas, was also home on a ten-day leave.

### THESE ARE OUR BOYS

Word has been received from the War Department that Milford Osburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Osburn of this city, has been wounded in action. Also regretful news has come to us that Ted Winters, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Winters, has been listed as missing in action in the South Atlantic. Ted graduated from Ypsi High School in 1939.

We realize the anxiety that this news brings to their families, but our prayers are with these boys; we are confident that they will return home safely.

## Through The Key-Hole

By We Are Snoopers

We're here again. Yes, it's true  
With lots of gossip, to amuse just you.  
Because we're called the crazy wits,  
We'll give out with some newsy bits.

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### Sweet Mystery of Love

Gloria Rodenberg wears a ring on her third finger, left hand, for "Lindy" Lindblad. When's the big day, Gloria?

Is Artie Herbst still thinking of Rosemary McGinn more than anyone else?

Whom was Al Taylor escorting to the show one cold evening?

### Company, Halt!

Betty Johnson and Joan Weber march haughtily in front of room 205 every afternoon. Jim Miller and Al Forbes seem to be their objective, or is it because they're on guard duty?

### Footlight Parade

Beam! Vanzetti Hamilton has been to the movies with Evelyn Roberson a few times. Ah! Romance under the footlights.

### Boxers' Delight

In one corner Patty Wiltse, in the other corner Joanne Townsley, fighting for Wayne Strohl. The knockout should be soon.

### Puppy-Lovers?

Patty Draper and Grant Patterson, George Roberts and Doris Neely, Melvin Knox and Jenny Jefferson, Franky Zimmerman and Jean McCowan, James Jacobs and Dolores Lucas. And just seventh graders, too! Tut! Tut!

### Military Secret

Winnie Bow lives on First Avenue. Is that why Rufus Kennedy takes that route home?

### Rooseveltians

Rachael Houck and June Henneke find their hearts beating for two Roosevelt lads. Fred Butt and Bob Geddis, respectively.

### Left Alone!

Maxine Lutz, DeLyn Leverett, Donnie Wagner, Marie Horn, and Roberta Tibbits. Let's see what you boys can do about it!

### Junior Escort . . .

Bob Marble was seen walking Geraldine Hinsch home from the last Junior Division party. Be careful, Gerry!

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We're finished now, we've gotta fly,  
We assure you, none of this is a lie.  
We think this column's quite a pip,  
Because it's full of good gos-sip.



## Ellis Freatman, '42, Former Tennis Star, Describes Army Engineering Training Program To Reporter

By Pat Ogle

Everything was quiet in Journalism class and naturally I jumped up when someone called my name. I wondered what I had done when I was summoned to the Sem office. It was a very pleasant surprise, therefore, to find an old pal of yours and mine waiting there for me to interview him. Yes, the once best-dressed man of Ypsi High had returned to our town to spend his seven-day furlough. You probably have already guessed his name from the preceding statements, for it is none other than Ellis Freatman, '42.

Ellis joined the army in March, 1943, and was sent to Texas where he became one of the Military Police. After a short time he was sent to Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, and then transferred to Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he is now stationed.

Engaged in the A.S.T.P. (Army Specialized Training Program), and studying engineering, Ellis finds that this particular course enables him to earn college credits of which he has already received two years.

It is hard work, claims Ellis, for before they may attend V.P.I. they must take I.Q. tests, exams, including much Math, and an aptitude test. They then appear before the board of officers and are either rejected or selected. If selected, they are sent to a Star Training Unit, reclassified, and put into the branch for which they are best suited. They then wait for an opening in some college.

Ellis has a pretty heavy schedule and he says, "There is lots of studying and a lot of Math, so don't forget what you have learned in school, for it is extremely important."

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### Proverbial Chatter

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There was a fearful crash as the train struck the car. A few seconds later Mrs. Dickens opened her mouth to say something but her husband stopped her.

"Never mind talking," he snapped, "I got my end of the car over the tracks. You were driving the back seat and if you let it get hit it's no fault of mine."

## Review Of The War

By Ron Davis

The big news in Europe seems to be the apparent cracking of the Germans in Poland. At first it was thought that the Germans may have been falling back to a previously prepared position, but it now becomes evident that the Nazis are cracking and it seems inevitable that German forces around the Dnieper Bend will either be annihilated or captured. Already the Russians have cut off their main rail line to that area, and with supplies endangered, the chances of survival of the German forces become increasingly slim.

### Have Hands Full

This would indicate that the Germans are having their hands full keeping the Russians in hand and that an Allied drive across the English channel and up through Italy would be more than the Nazis could handle. Official sources in Washington admit that in the next few months things are going to happen very fast and if pressed they will predict (unofficially, of course) that the war in Europe will be over, or very nearly over, by summer of 1944. This will not be accomplished without a great deal of casualties and hard work but carrying the fight to the enemy in this manner is cheaper in human life in the long run than a long, drawn-out fight.

### Anticipate Election

Here on the home front the political machines are running smoothly in anticipation of the election next fall. Some of the Republicans in Congress are beginning to realize that their block-all administration legislation does not look so good on the record and will not help in the coming election. They (the Republicans) have the best chance of taking the governmental reins that they have had in 11 years and they are in the process of mulling it. Besides their legislative boners they are already quarreling among themselves as to their leader. This seems neither here nor there as their quarreling will surely not help to win the war.

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE—FIRST SEMESTER

Tuesday, January 25

8:00- 9:55 First period classes  
10:00-11:55 Second period classes  
2:00- 3:55 Fourth period classes

Wednesday, January 26

8:00- 9:55 Sixth period classes  
10:00-11:55 Seventh period classes  
2:00- 3:55 Eighth period classes

Thursday, January 27

8:00- 9:30 Adjusted classes  
9:35-11:05 Adjusted classes

Seventh and eighth grade examinations are to be held on the following time schedule:

8:00 to 9:30 a.m.  
9:35 to 11:05 a.m.  
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

## REGULATIONS

1. Pupils may not report earlier than 15 minutes before the scheduled examination time, and must leave immediately after being dismissed.
2. Examinations in Music, Physical Education, and Hygiene will be given the week preceding the regular schedule and will be one regular period in length.

## Code Studied By Radio Club; French Party Is Posponed

One of the school organizations that has been brought to our attention lately is the Radio Club, under the direction of Mr. Bedford, which meets at 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday evening in the tower room.

The boys in this group are studying code and are building a telegraph set at the present time. In the future they hope to join with the Aeronautical Club and plan to set up a two-way receiving set.

The club is also having discussion groups to help the younger boys who are inexperienced in this field.

In the language department we see that the French Club has been forced to postpone indefinitely the party which was planned for January 6. Students of the Spanish classes who have joined together to form a Spanish Club have submitted their constitution to the Student Council for approval.

## Favorite Songs Of Students To Be Chosen In Contest

A poll will be conducted sometime during the second semester to determine which songs are most popular with the students of Ypsi High.

The music department, under the direction of Mr. Schafer, has decided to have all students write the names of their favorite songs on paper and then drop them into a ballot box which will be provided for the purpose in the first floor hall.

Songs that are best liked will be chosen. Slides will be made and these songs will be flashed on the screen during an assembly. This assembly will be held sometime during the second semester and should prove to be fun for "everyone."

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A mountain guide: "Be careful not to fall here. It's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left, as you get a wonderful view."

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# SPORTS

## River Rouge And Adrian Are Winning Opponents In Games Of New Year

### Miller, Wickerham And Bullis High Point Men For Braves Adrain Game

The Ypsi Braves lost their fourth game of the season Wednesday when a strong Adrian team overpowered the Braves 38-21 on the home court.

Ypsi jumped to a four point lead after the game was only two minutes old, but the fast, aggressive Adrian team then came to life and was in the lead the rest of the game.

Miller led the Braves' scoring with six points while Bullis and Wickerham each bagged four points for the Braves. Captain Boughey for the Adrian was high point man for the game as he scored ten points, followed by Orr, who rang up nine points.

### River Rouge

Scoring their highest number of points in any one game of this year Ypsi's Braves returned home Friday, January 7, on the short end of a 44-40 count.

River Rouge featuring a fast snappy, passing and running attack, completely outplaying the Braves in the first half. The score at the half was 30-18 in favor of Rouge. The Braves staged a great comeback in the final half but it wasn't enough to overcome Rouges' big lead.

Miller, Wickerham, and Bower placed the Ypsi attack with 14, 10, and 7 points respectively. Miller was also high point man for the game as Sherman of River Rouge scored 11.

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### Drake, Cazier Win Places With Amateur Swimmers

The Michigan Amateur Athletic Union swimming meet was held Saturday night, January 8. This meet is featured each year for amateur swimmers in Michigan.

Duane Drake and Dick Cazier were the two men who entered the meet representing Ypsi High. Drake, who swam the 75-yard free style event, was nosed out of a first place by a foot, but placed an easy second. Dick Cazier took a third in the diving event, which is really something to be proud of.

## Second Victory Scored By Swimmers As Rouge Falls To Ypsi Tankers

With Captain Duane Drake capturing two first places, the Braves won their second meet of the season over River Rouge 42-31 last Friday night at the opponents' pool.

Cosgrove took first place in the 100-yard breast stroke, Smith in the 200-yard free style, and Tower in the 100-yard backstroke.

Due to the broken diving board, star diver Dick Cazier just went for the ride.

50-yard free style—Drake (Y), Hitt (Y), Helmer (RR). Time—26.6.

100-yard breast stroke.—Cosgrove (Y), Ledl (RR), Gunnell (RR). Time—1:22.4.

200-yard free style—Smith (Y), Succiu (RR), Power (Y). Time—2:34.5.

100-yard back stroke—Tower (Y), Fasing (Y), Doner (RR). Time—1:17.8.

100-yard free style—Drake (Y), Bukas (RR), Hitt (Y). Time—:62.3.

Individual medley—Gunnell (R), Navin (RR), Kelly (Y). Time—2:04.

Medley relay—Won by Ypsilanti. Time—1:40.3.

Free style relay—Won by River Rouge. Time—1:59.

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## Ypsi Braves Will Meet Dearborn; Birmingham

Next Tuesday night the Ypsi Braves will journey to Birmingham to try and settle an old score coming in the form of a 42 to 32 drubbing which the lads from Baldwin High handed our boys in their first game this year.

In another future game, January 21, Ypsi High cagers will probably face their toughest opponent of the year, Dearborn High. This team boasts a perfect record, including easy victories over Ann Arbor High and Ecorse, and according to all reports is rated as one of the strongest Class A teams in the state of Michigan.

## Basketball Practices Begin For All Feminine Athletes

Now that vacation is over, things are beginning to hum again in girls' sports.

A letter was received from Betty Shaw, president of the G.A.C. of the University High School in Ann Arbor. The letter requested that the girls of Ypsi High play them a game of basketball, either the second or third week in February. The letter also stated that the games would begin at 4:15 p.m. in Ann Arbor if that time were most convenient with us.

This is the second opportunity that the girls have had to compete with other schools in basketball. The first request came from Belleville High, but due to the sudden illness of the Belleville instructor the game was postponed.

The girls have not given up hopes of playing the Belleville team, however, and are looking forward to the game with Ann Arbor.

Practices are held each Monday and Friday after school for all feminine athletes who are interested in learning techniques of basketball or engaging in a few scrimmage games.

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## Strong Plymouth Team To Invade Ypsi Tonight

Tonight the Ypsi Braves will tangle with a strong Plymouth team in the fourth home game of the 1943-44 season. Plymouth will be out for revenge after last year's football game, and are expected to cause lots of trouble.

Some of our boys who will probably see action are Jim Miller, Bill Olson, John Kelly, Artie Herbst, Ken Fry, Bob Bower, Roger Wickerham, Fred Wolter, Lynn McAllister, Ralph Bullis, Jim Burrell, and Mike O'Hara.

Big attendance is expected at the first game of 1944. The game played by Plymouth and Ypsi's second teams will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by the varsity contest at 8:00 p.m.

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Happy New Year to all of you Ypsilanti sports fans! We are all very glad to see you back, and hope to hear you yell for your school teams in 1944 as you did in 1943.

Now let us turn the pages back to last year for you. Remember how the football team took Lincoln Park in hand and then followed up with the best season the Brave gridders have known in fifteen years?

Turning to Cross Country, we see how the harriers fared all through the season. The boys were quite good last season, and when the State meet came along they really showed their stuff. Roger Kelly came through and brought the State title to Ypsi High, and the rest of the boys followed in close order.

The swimming and basketball teams had not yet hit their stride in '43 and when they do in '44 all that can be said is that their position is in for a lot of trouble.

The New Year also brings Junior Division basketball into full swing. Mr. L. P. Cushman is coaching the boys again this year and for further information read the next issue of the Sem.

Captain Dobbie Drake of the swimming team is really setting a pace this year as the swimmers have won both of their meets and Dobbie has taken four first places in the four events he has participated in.

Fred Wolter, star in football and basketball, and captain of this year's track team, is expected to leave for the Army February 1.

So long for now, see you at the Plymouth game tonight.

## G. A. C. Earn Extra Points During Christmas Vacation

Girls who are members of the G. A. C. spent some hours of their Christmas vacation at the Coliseum in Ann Arbor in order to earn points for awards in the club. For each hour spent in sports activities, five points are earned. After skating for a few hours, the girls returned to Ypsi where they journeyed to Miss Andrew's home for hot chocolate and sandwiches.